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In re Application of: R. W. MARSH ET AL.

Application No.: 09/823,199

Group Art Unit: 3763

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Examiner: A. Y. LAM

For: **VARIABLE EXTENSION COMBINED
SPINAL/EPIDURAL NEEDLE SET AND
METHOD FOR ITS USE**

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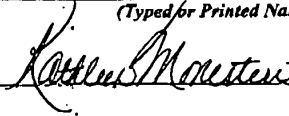
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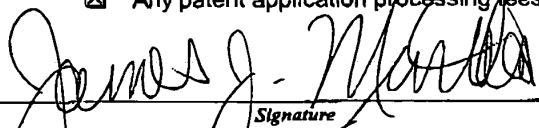
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